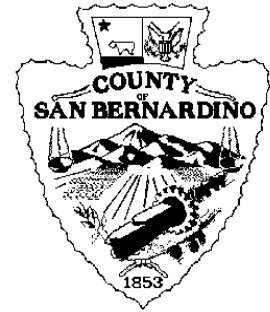


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## County Partners with AmeriCorps to Help Returning Veterans

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement on Tuesday to provide personal assistance to U.S. military service members who have recently returned home.

Every year, more than 7,000 military service members on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan come back to their families in San Bernardino County. Many of these returning veterans discover they have difficulty integrating into non-military life, finding a job, or signing up for veteran benefits.

The agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors allows the San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs to work with the California Department of Veterans Affairs and AmeriCorps to provide a variety of hands-on assistance to returning veterans through an initiative called “Operation Welcome Home.”

Under the three-year program, AmeriCorps representatives will actively seek out veterans to provide them with individual support, including working with them to ensure they receive all of the benefits and services available to them.

“Our goal is to help these returning heroes access the services and programs they need to transition smoothly into non-military life,” San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said. “These brave veterans put their lives on the line for our country, and we need to support them by providing this type of one-on-one, face-to-face assistance.”

AmeriCorps representatives will be assigned to locations throughout the county to work with veterans including the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center in Loma Linda, Fort Irwin, 29 Palms and the San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs in San Bernardino.

AmeriCorps representatives will receive a small salary and an education stipend through the program. Residents interesting in joining AmeriCorps, which is known as the domestic Peace Corps, should visit [www.californiavolunteers.org](http://www.californiavolunteers.org).

The Second District includes the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and Fontana as well as the unincorporated communities of San Antonio Heights, Mt. Baldy, Devore, and Crestline. For more information about Second District news and events visit [www.sbcounty.gov/biane](http://www.sbcounty.gov/biane).

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